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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 2

TITLE. Prohibited Activities for Personnel within the Authority of the Commander, United States Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill (FCoE)

PURPOSE. In response to the changing environment, General Order Number 2 establishes policy, guidelines, and prohibited conduct necessary to maintain good order and discipline and protect the health, and safety of all personnel within the FCoE area of responsibility.

AUTHORITY. 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); Army Regulation (AR) 27-10, Military Justice, 11 May 2016; AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014; USAFCOEFS Regulation 10-5, Organizations and Functions, 22 July 19; Fort Sill Supplement 1 to AR 27-10, 31 May 19, Military Justice; and HQDA Guidance for Virtual Ceremonies and Live Ceremonies under Social Distancing, published via email 30 April 2020.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to all individuals subject to military orders and individuals stationed, assigned, and/or attached to the FCoE area of responsibility.

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. Due to the continued threat of the COVID-19 disease, aggressive prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to reduce the transmission of the disease. In accordance with (IAW) U.S. Government and Department of Defense policy, it is prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline, health, safety, and to ensure optimum readiness of our Service Members, Civilians, and Family Members. To protect FCoE mission capabilities as well as the health and welfare of associated Civilian and Service members, all individuals present on Fort Sill will practice social distancing and hygiene measures to the greatest degree possible.

2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

a. Local Community Orders. Local authorities have issued orders to address the COVID-19 pandemic. These orders impose public health restrictions to protect against the spread of the virus throughout the local communities. Service Members will read and understand State and local community orders, and will abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of these orders. Should State or local community orders impose travel restrictions, Service Members are authorized to travel between their residence and the installation to perform duties as directed by the Chain of Command.

b. Restrictions on Travel. For the purpose of leave, pass, and local travel, Service Members are restricted to within a 150 mile radius of Fort Sill. Family Members, civilian employees and contractors are encouraged to comply with this traveling radius. Exceptions to this provision require approval by the first O-6 in the Service Member's Chain of Command.

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c. Physical Fitness. On-post, Service Members are authorized to perform physical fitness. Commanders have the discretion to limit group size to maintain social distancing. Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible when running or conducting calisthenics. Personnel will wear gloves or immediately wash hands directly after touching common touch items (i.e. weights, pull-up bars, etc.), and will wipe common touch items down with appropriate disinfecting cleaner. Off-post individuals are required to adhere to State and local community orders.

d. Social Distancing. To the greatest degree possible, all personnel will maintain a minimum separation of 6 feet distance from all other personnel at all times both indoors and outdoors. When in doubt, use a double arm interval to judge your distance from others.

e. Hygiene. All personnel will wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizing gel, when entering common on-post areas such as the Commissary, PX, Child Development Centers, Fitness Centers, Mail Room, Barracks, etc.

f. Hoarding/Resale. Service Members shall only purchase the amount of goods from the Commissary and AAFES as is required to meet the reasonable near term needs of the Service Member and his/her immediate Family Members. Service Members shall not purchase items to give or resell to individuals not authorized to purchase those items at the Commissary and AAFES. All personnel are expected to treat AAFES and DECA employees with dignity and respect.

g. Restriction of Movement. Service Members are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and Commanders regarding an order into quarantine or isolation, including any directives concerning the virus monitoring process. Civilians and Family Members are highly encouraged to adhere to these directives.

(1) Personnel and their close contacts, who are pending the results of medical testing, will be placed in quarantine under Restriction of Movement in designated on-post quarters/facilities or their off-post residence.

(2) Quarantined personnel must immediately inform their Chain of Command and/or medical personnel if they exhibit any medical symptoms.

(3) Personnel and their close contacts, who are confirmed positive, will be placed in isolation under Restriction of Movement in designated on-post quarters/facilities or their off-post residence for a period of no less than 14 days.

(4) Personnel quarantined or isolated in on-post facilities will follow all directives concerning conduct within the facility, to include any limitations concerning contact with other quarantined or isolated personnel.

3. CHANGE OF COMMAND/RESPONSIBILITY CEREMONIES AND OFFICIAL UNIT SOCIAL EVENT GUIDELINES. Official social events are important to morale and esprit de corps. Therefore, Commanders may use their discretion as to scheduling and conducting

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official social events such as Unit and Spouse Hail and Farewells, SFRG events, unit social activities, competitions, unit organizational days, community events, and other similar activities. Commanders must ensure appropriate social distancing and hygiene measures are implemented at all events to the greatest degree possible.

With respect to Change of Command/Responsibility Ceremonies the following standards are applicable:

- a. Old Post Quadrangle and the Polo Field are the primary locations for all BDE and BN Level Change of Commands. At the Commander's discretion, Change of Responsibility Ceremonies may be held within the unit's footprint.
- b. At a minimum, the formation of troops should consist of CDRs/CSM(s)/1SG(s). At the Commander's discretion, limited troops may be added to the formation. Commanders are responsible for maintaining social distancing to the greatest degree possible.
- c. Limited Band and Half Section Support.
- d. No restrictions to the Presentation of Awards, Passing of Colors or gifting of flowers. Recommend implementing the protective measures as described in the HQDA Guidance for Virtual Ceremonies and Live Ceremonies under Social Distancing. Unit Leadership manages the social distancing procedures conducted during these events.
- e. Handshaking is strongly discouraged. Social distancing should be observed to the greatest degree possible while offering congratulations.
- f. Hosting receptions in conjunction with the above official events is permitted. Limited refreshments are permitted, for example cake/cupcakes and punch/water. Social distancing and hygiene measures should be implemented to the greatest degree possible.

4. PRIVATE SOCIAL GATHERINGS. The limitations on official unit social events does not preclude private social gatherings observing procedures outlined in this order. The size of the gathering should be commensurate with the size of the location and the ability to maintain social distancing. Commanders have the discretion to limit the size of social gatherings within their footprint. This limitation does not apply to members of the same household. Social distancing and the rules of hygiene must be observed.

5. WORK AREAS. Work areas are excluded from group-size limitations, though Commanders/Directors will establish mitigations and protocols implementing hygiene measures and social distancing to the greatest degree possible.

6. INDIVIDUAL DUTY. Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions. Furthermore, they have a duty to become familiar with and respect State laws and regulations and local community orders regarding COVID-19 prevention and restrictions.

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7. LEADER'S CHECKS. Leaders will conduct routine checks on the health, safety, and well-being of their subordinates, especially those in quarantine and isolation. Nothing in this General Order limits the ability of leaders to conduct these checks.

8. UNIT COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY. Unit commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this order.

9. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS. Requests for waivers of any provision of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the chain of command to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary for good order and discipline but do not have the authority to unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions to its provisions without my authority unless specifically such authority is provided herein. Any additional restrictions imposed by a commander will be forwarded to the FCoE Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

10. EFFECTIVE DATE. General Order Number 2 is effective immediately. General Order Number 2 will remain in effect until rescinded by me. General Order Number 1 and Addendum A to General Order Number 1 are hereby rescinded.



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Commanding

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